The Grief Stricken Widow Had No One Left to Tell Her.

Never before had the tall gentleman with the iron gray mustache been more deeply impressed with the loneliness of a widow's lot. The plump fady in black was on the verge of tears, and every word of her sad story seemed like a

"When I look forward"—
Her voice was tremalous, her eyes

"To the future, life seems"-Emotion was choking her utterance. "Like a dreary waste."

She pressed her somber fringed handkerchief to her eyes. "Be calm, madam, be calm."

The tall gentleman with the iron gray mustache felt very sympathetic in-The lady struggled to repress her feel-

ings with indifferent success, we will be "My dear madam," the tall gentleman hastily declared, "your grief does you An unintelligible murmur was the

"The rude severing of the most cherished of human relations by the hand of death"-The plump figure in black shook with

"Must desolate the surviving heart." "Yes, yes. I miss him more than

w-w-words can t-tell." The lady moaned in her misery and the tears came afresh.

"The strong arm on which to lean is gone," sadly suggested the tall gentle-She bobbed her head. "And the mauly bosom wherein you

reigned supreme." "B-00-00." "And the cherished lips with their words of cheer and comfort."

"Oh, oh, oh. Boo-hoo. Y-yes, yes. And there's n-no one now to t-tell me"-Her sorrow overwhelmed her for a mo-"Tell me-me-m-me"

The tall gentleman noticed with uneasiness that the plump lady was grow; and when near the door said: ing hysterical, "Do tell me if m-m-my hat's on

straight." After she had cried a few minutes longer they changed the subject. - Detroit Tribune.

Mme. Description to the Charge. office for a servant. They sent her a big, strapping lass, with bold eyes, a loud voice and ungainly gestures. Mme. D declined her services.

woman called again on the lady to re- spring that none but gods disturb, a love new her offer. "You here again?" said Mme. D-

in a tone of surprise. "You know very well that I refused to take you." "Yes, ma'am, but I have been sen here today from another office."-Petit

Parisien Illustre.

A Good Recommendation. A gentleman lately dismissed a cleve but dishonest gardner. For the sake his wife and family, however, he gave the man a character, and this is how he worked it: "I hereby certify that A B. has been my gardner for over two years, and during that time he has got more out of my garden than any man I ever employed."—Dundee Weekly News,

A Close Call. said Riggins. "Is that so?" rejoined Ruggins, with

"Yes. I was nearly choked to death." "Highwayman?"
"No. Flannel shirt. I wore it out in the rain."-Washington Star.

Will Assist His Memory. "Who is that fellow?"

"His name is-well, I've forgotten it again. I never could remember it. He's always trying to borrow a dollar or two from me."

"And you can't remember his name? Lend him the dollar or two some day."-Chicago Tribune.

Nothing Serious. Sweltering Passenger (on railroad

train)-This window sticks so I can't get it up. Conductor-Yes. Wood is swollen a

little by the rain. It'll be all right in a few days.-New York Weekly.



He-You insist on my getting my life insured before we are engaged? She-Yes. Even before you ask papa.

A Base Insinuation. Mr. Gladstone's black eye has healed, and he may be thankful that the hunk of ginger cake with which he was hit was not the product of an American sooking school. - Cincinnati Commercial"

And His Father Talked About Him. Bunting-Why are you fellows always dodging Bloombumper? Larkins-His first baby has just com-

menced to talk.—Yankee Blade.

Domestic Economy. A young wife returned home quite thanked one day exclaiming, "I am lying with hanger!" Her husband replied, "Why didn't you call at a confectioner's on your way and ret a bit of cake or a cup of beef tea?" My dear husband, do you really think me capable of such extravagance?" "Well, what purchases have you

"Oh, just think, hubby, dear, I found at Gerson's such levely hats, only sixty marks apiece! So I went and bought three of them."-Unterhaltungsblatt.



Buttons (fresh from the country, evidently no French scholar)—I say, Mary, the guy'nor and missus are dining out tonight. But I can't for the life of me make out what a R, a S, a V and a P

mean on this 'ere card! Smart Housemaid-Why, of course it means that they're going to have Rump Steak and Veal Piel Punch.

An Actor's Unknown Friend. "Joe Jefferson," said an old theater goer, "had taken a lady to a restaurant, and when he put his hand into his pocket to pay his hill he didn't feel a penny. He explained his position to the cashier, but the cashier widn't know him.' The perspiration began to ooze, when a gentleman stepped up, laid a twenty dollar bill on the desk and said: " 1 know you, sir; allow me to settle." "Jefferson was profuse in his thanks,

"You must give me your name and address, in order that I may call around tomorrow and settle.'

" 'Never mind that,' said the stranger, with a smile. That bill was counterfeit and I got seventeen dollars in change."-St. Louis Chronicle.

He Had to Drop Poetry. He said: "My pride, with a voice as soft as the zephyrs of a June morning, a breath scented with roses and clover, a step like the flutter of angels' wings, a A few days later the same young heart as pure as the liquid jewels of a as lasting as the hills." But he did not

> Then he said, "Sal, your hair isn't as red as Hannah Smith's, across the road, and you have got more sense than she has any day."

The object of his wooing cuddled in his arms, a gushing, unceasing source of affection. - Arkansaw Traveler.

A Hundrum Life. Little Bobby-Papa, did you ever see evelone carrying houses around up in the air, and cows and horses and wagons

upside down? Papa-No, my son.

Little Bobby-Did you ever see a sea Papa-Ne, my son. Little Bobby-I should think it ud be

tiresome to live so long and never see anything.-Good News. Time to Leave. Mrs. Witherby-How long did Mr.

Bangle stay the night that I wasn't Witherby-Until half past ten. Mrs. Witherby-Half past ten! Why

didn't he stay longer? Witherby-Because I held four aces.

Out a Quarter. First Pullman Porter-Whad's yo' ser nervous 'bout, Johns'n? Second Porter-I'se a quartah out. Dat's what I'se nervous bout. Done blacked a pah ob my own boots by mistake fer dat nabob's in d' fo'th suction. -Christian Leader.

A Problem Solved. Hostess-Won't you sing something, Mr. Greene? Mr. G.—There are so many strangers

Hostess-Never mind them; they'll be gone before you get half through.-Yankee Blade.

She (in answer to his proposal)-Fred, dear, von must give me time to consider. Fred And how long will that be, dearest; a week, month or a year? She (scanning the sky)-No, no, Fred. only till the moon gets behind those clouds.—St. Paul Globe.

Much Better. Miss Oldfamily-My mother sealed all her love letters to papa with a diamond. Mr. Lowman-Humph! I should think paste would have been better for that .-Jewelers' Weekly.

To Float Alone. To float alone adown the stream, When rays of moonlight silver gleam On paddlo blade, and glance and play, And light a path far down the bay: This is a pleasure fair, I deem. To slip along and idly dream

On things that are and things that seem:

Full often would I steal away.
To float alone. But when my fortunes ill beseem and falls on me the colder beam Of bills long due that I must pay, Then I must either steal away, Or float a loan. -J. T. Newcomb in Life.

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